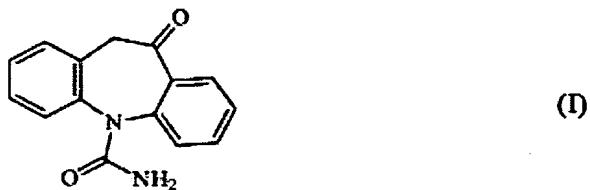


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) Process for preparing oxcarbazepine of formula



which comprises includes:

a) reacting in a [[the]] chlorocarbonylation reaction [[of]] the compound of formula

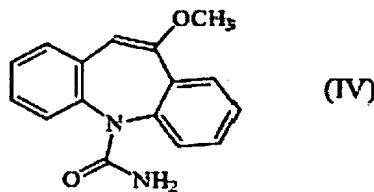


with triphosgene in the presence of a base, to give the compound of formula



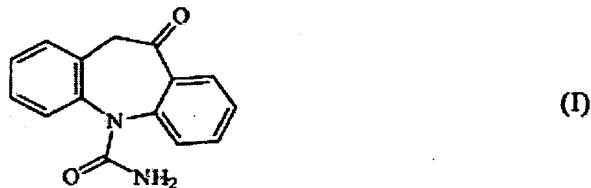
2.(Currently Amended) The process of Process according to Claim 1, which
further comprises subsequently includes:

b) ammonolysis of the compound of formula III to give the compound of formula



and

c) deprotecting the compound of formula IV by acid hydrolysis of the compound of formula IV to give oxcarbazepine [[1]] of formula (I)



3.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1~~Process according to Claim 1 or 2,~~

in which [[the]] said chlorocarbonylation reaction a) is performed with triphosgene in a triphosgene molar ratio, relative to the compound of formula II, of between 0.46:1 and 0.54:1 and more preferably at about 0.5:1.

4.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the base is~~Process~~

~~according to Claims 1 to 3, in which the said chlorocarbonylation reaction a) is performed using triethylamine as base, in a base~~ molar ratio relative to the

compound of formula II of between 1.4: 1 and 1.6:1 ~~and preferably at about~~
1.5:1.

5.(Currently Amended) ~~The process of claim 1, Process according to Claims 1 to~~
~~4, in which [[the]] said chlorocarbonylation reaction a) is performed in toluene~~
~~[[and]] at a temperature of between 90 and 110°C.~~

6.(Currently Amended) ~~The process of claim 2Process according to Claims 2 to~~
~~5, in which the ammonolysis b) is performed with aqueous ammonia in~~
~~methanol.~~

7.(Currently Amended) ~~The process of claim 2Process according to Claims 2 to~~
~~6, in which the deprotecting step deprotection c) is performed with hydrochloric~~
~~acid in aqueous medium at a pH of about 1 and at a deprotecting temperature~~
~~of between 90 and 95°C.~~

8.(New) The process of claim 1, in which said chlorocarbonylation reaction a) is
performed with triphosgene in a triphosgene molar ratio, relative to the
compound of formula II, of about 0.5:1

9.(New) The process of claim 1, wherein the base is triethylamine, in a base
molar ratio relative to the compound of formula II of about 0.5:1